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QUOTE

NATO RESTRICTED NATO BRUSSELS 18546

SUBJECT: INTERIM SWITCHING CAPABILITY

REFERENCES: (A) NICSMA-D/28

(B) NICSMACOM(73)426

(C) AC/270-DS/13

ONE I HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER

(REFERENCE GDB/AL/73/113 DATED 24 JULY)

FROM THE BELGIAN DELEGATION:

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QUOTE: DURING ITS LAST MEETING, THE NJCED
DECIDED THAT THE SEARCH FOR AN INITIAL
TELEPHONE SWITCHING CAPABILITY SHOULD BE
MADE BY A WIDE SURVEY OF THE POSSIBILITIES

OF THE NATO FIRMS AND A COMPETITIVE ASSESSMENT
ON THE BASIS OF THE EVALUATION FACTORS SET
OUT IN PARAGRAPH IV(B)(6) OF THE DECISION
SHEET.

IN HIS DOCUMENT NICSMA-D/28, THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF NICSMA HAD CONSIDERED TWO
POSSIBLE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS:

A. ACCESS SWITCH WITH TANDEM CAPABILITY;

B. PROCUREMENT OF THE SEHELF OF CIRCUIT/
ACCESS SWITCH.

THE FIRST SOLUTION, ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY VALID, WAS NOT RECOMMENDED

BY NICSMA BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER'S
CALCULATIONS, IT COULD NOT BE INTRODUCED UNTIL THE BEGINNING
OF 1978.

AS STATED DURING THE MEETING, BELGIUM CONSIDERS THAT THE TWO
VARIANTS SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF
THE DECISION SHEET.

BELGIUM WILL REPLY TO THIS EFFECT TO THE MESSAGE NICSMA COM
(73)426. HOWEVER, THIS MESSAGE, TAKEN LITERALLY, REFERS ONLY
TO THE VARIANT DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH 51(A) OF NICSMA-D/28
AND FOR THIS REASON THERE REMAINS A CERTAIN AMBIGUITY.

TO DISPEL THIS AMBIGUITY, THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES SUGGEST
THAT YOU REQUEST THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NICSMA TO MODIFY
PARAGRAPH TWO OF HIS MESSAGE NICSMA COM(73)426 SO THAT IT
REFERS TO THE EQUIPMENT DEFINED IN BOTH PARAGRAPHS
50 AND 51 OF NICSMA-D/28. UNQUOTE

TWO I HAVE REQUESTED THE VIEWS OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL,
NICSMA WHO ADVISED ME THAT QUOTE ALL OF THE CHARACTERISTICS
LISTED IN NICSMA COM(73)426, EXCEPT THOSE CONTAINED IN
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PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 5 OF THAT MESSAGE, ARE REQUIRED FOR THE
ULTIMATE ACCESS SWITCHES OF THE NICS. THE ACCESS SWITCHES
WITH TANDEM CAPABILITY WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE FEATURES
DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 5 AND IN THE SECOND SENTENCE OF
PARAGRAPH 5 AND IN THE SECOND SENTENCE
OF PARAGRAPH 3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA HAS BEEN REQUESTED
TO CONSIDER IN HIS EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE SWITCHES FOR
THE INTERIM SOLUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE TIME SCALE
FOR DELIVERY AND COMPARATIVE COSTS (IN SO FAR AS THESE ARE
MADE AVAILABLE UNQUOTE

THREE I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT REPLIES TO THE EXISTING TEXT OF
NICSMA COM(73)426 WILL GIVE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA

SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO COMPARE NOT ONLY THE SWITCHES
NOMINATED BUT ALSO THE RELATIVE MERITS OF HIS ALTERNATIVE
SOLUTIONS. YOU WILL NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IF IT IS DECIDED
TO PURSUE THE ACCESS SWITCH SOLUTION IT IS PROPOSED THAT
THOSE SWITCHES SHOULD BE PROCURED BY NORMAL ICB.

FOUR IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL, NICSMA WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ACCESS SWITCHES
AND A FURTHER MODIFICATION OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFERENCE (B)
DOES NOT SEEM TO BE REQUIRED.

FIVE THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SACLANTREPEUR.

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